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## LEAD MINING IN CANADA.

We are happy to find that it is Sir William Logan's opinion that the deposits of lead which have been discovered in the township of Ramsay, and elsewhere, are so rich and extensive that they may be mined to advantage. This opinion does not, of course, justify the belief that the operations which have been projected will prove immensely profitable—the right vein may not be struck, or the enterprise may not be carried on economically. It indicates, however, that in Mr. Logan's opinion, the metal exists in sufficient quantities to repay the labor of taking it from the earth when found. There is one point in favor of lead mining in Canada, and that is the small quantity of fuel which is required to smelt it. As the crude ore does not contain more than four-fifths of pure metal, the cost of transport would be proportionably diminished by smelting at the mine. As the matter is now attracting general attention, a few words on the method of extracting lead may not be altogether uninteresting. The lead is extracted from galena, which is a combination of sulphur with the metal, in two ways: either by means of smelting with iron, or by roasting, so as to partially oxidize the ore, and then heating strongly, when the metal separates. In the first case, the iron simply takes away the sulphur, and sets the lead at liberty; in the second, a portion of the ore is oxidized and converted into oxide and sulphate of lead, and these, when heated strongly, react on the unaltered galena, and produce metallic lead and sulphurous acid, which latter passes off as gas.

The simplest plan is to employ a reverberating furnace, as in this the roasting and smelting are both effected, and it is better adapted for the use of wood as fuel. The furnace consists of a fire place separated from the hearth by a raised wall; the hearth itself is hollowed in the centre, and here communicates with a canal, by which the metal can be run off into pots outside the furnace. When the ore is used in a finely pulverized state, the flue passes into long chambers to collect any dust which may be carried away by the draught.

The ore is hand-picked, or ground and washed, to remove the rock with which it is mixed, and having been reduced to a tolerably fine powder, is introduced into the furnace through a hole over the hearth. A dull red heat is now given, and the ore stirred through holes in the furnace; when the oxidation has proceeded far enough, these holes are closed and the heat raised. The reduction now takes place as above described, but the so-called stone, containing lead with less sulphur, is formed and floats on the surface; this is then again exposed to a dull red heat, being moved to the back part of the hearth; it is again strongly heated and this operation repeated until a sufficiency of metal has collected in the depression in the furnace, when it is let off, and can be cast into moulds of any required form. Any stone which remains may be added to the next charge introduced into the furnace, or may be smelted in a small blast furnace used specially for this purpose.

When the ore contains some of the gangue in which it is found, lime or other substances must be added, so as to form an easily fusible slag. All the

silver contained in the ore will be found in the lead; but whether it would answer to attempt the separation of the silver, which requires other furnaces, will of course depend upon the amount present in the galena.—[Toronto Globe.]

A "SCENE" IN THE NOVA SCOTIA HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.—On Thursday afternoon, says the Halifax Morning Chronicle, as the Hon. Mr. Howe was addressing the House, he was interrupted by Mr. Wade of Digby, who was called to order, and finally put down by the speaker, when a scene ensued such as never before has been witnessed in our Legislature, and, for the credit of the country, it is hoped may never again occur.

Mr. Howe had just administered a merciless castigation to Mr. Henry, exposing his tergiversation, and had Mr. Wade, of Digby, under his hand, "polishing him off," when that gentleman, who had borne it patiently for a while, sprang to his feet "to explain," as he said. He (Mr. Wade) had, on the previous day charged the opposition with "wasting the time of the House and country, etc.,"—repeating for the hundredth time, a stereotyped cry the Government has got up this session, to prevent debate and exposure—and Mr. Howe got to a part of his speech where he charged Mr. Wade with having last session, at or near the close, when a question of £70,000 of public money was at stake, done the same thing, and eventually to stop debate, with having moved "the previous question," which would have passed but for his (Mr. Howe's) determination to count out the House.

The member from Windsor was in one of his happiest humors, and "blood was following every lash," when Mr. Wade, broke away from his seat as remarked to explain. He applied the words "false and falsehood," once or twice to Mr. Howe's statements, without any pretence of reason or justification, amid loud cries of order! order! Chair! Chair! followed—but he refused to be seated. Mr. Howe, meanwhile kept his position, preserving a calm and dignified attitude, and eventually sat down to hear the so-called explanation. Considerable confusion existed, and cries of order! order! were heard from the Opposition benches and some stamping. Eventually, Mr. John Tobin, sitting near Mr. Wade, low down on the benches, rose in a towering passion—threw down his hat, and strode up through the centre of the House in a defiant attitude, with fists clenched, to the Clerk's table, and with a thump, declared that "they were not going to be put down by the Opposition."

This was a signal for the public gallery, and they cheered, and braved, and hurrahed at the top of their voices. Just as Mr. Tobin got to the Clerk's table, and struck it with his fist, Mr. Weir, from the speaker's left, sprang to his feet, and confronted him. Thereupon, the speaker's gallery took up the cheers and bravoed, and for half a minute the two members were standing face to face alone, in the centre of the house, within a foot of each other. What language passed between them, it was impossible in the noise to hear; but Mr. Tobin's demonstration being responded to in a way he evidently had not anticipated, he seemed to be looking rather foolish, when eventually the Attorney General arose and took his man away, and Mr. Weir retired to his seat.

# THE BRITISH COLONIST.

A. DE CROMBIE, Editor.

SATURDAY, APRIL 16, 1859.

POLITICAL changes are not always synonymous with improvement. But it would certainly prove so with our Legislature,—for any change with it could not fail to be an improvement, there being no chance of getting worse. Possibly, as at present constituted, we may just as well hope for a social reform among the northern Indians, as to expect either branch of our illustrious wit-enagemote to enter properly upon the discharge of their duties as legislators. For a year past, to our knowledge, they have been piddling with the roads and streets of Victoria, and trying to pull down or keep standing the Victoria bridge, and apparently have no idea of anything beyond the smoke of their own chimneys. Improvements in Victoria are all very well and very proper, but we want to see something else done; something that looks like legislation for the whole colony,—something that will tell us what our resources are, and where they are,—that will give cheap land for actual settlers in order to fix population on the soil so that we can depend on ourselves for support, and not on extraneous aid. Besides measures tending to promote the wealth of the country, we want our criminal and civil laws passed upon, in order that every one may know what is law and what is not, instead of being in danger of having laws sprung on us unconstitutionally at any moment by any self-sufficient dignitary who may imagine himself in the Russian Possessions or ruling by divine right. Instances of late, touching what we hold to be unconstitutional proceedings by more than one member of the executive, have been of frequent occurrence in this colony, proving the absolute necessity for those to whom has been delegated the law making power, to take the whole subject of our criminal and civil laws under consideration, and either make laws suited to the colony, or adopt by statute—and not by executive dictum—those laws or parts of laws, either of Great Britain or our sister colonies, which may temporarily suit our condition.

STEAMER Eliza Anderson left yesterday for Queensborough. She took up a detachment of Royal Engineers, twenty men in charge of Capt. Palmer, with about fifty tons of government stores from the Thames City,—and also about fifty tons merchandise and forty passengers. She is expected here this morning and will leave again to-day for Queensborough, returning so as to depart on her regular day, on Tuesday morning. The steamer and Captain are justly becoming general favorites, owing to the regularity and the quickness with which the voyage is made to and from Queensborough. This is what the public want, and know how to appreciate, as it brings Victoria nearer to British Columbia.

The Beaver left yesterday morning for Queensborough with a large amount of freight and a considerable number of passengers among whom was Gov. Moody.

SHIPMENT OF TREASURE.—Nearly \$400,000 in gold dust was carried away by the steamer Brother Jonathan on her last down trip. It is a significant fact that while the gold yield of British Columbia, with her mere handful of miners, is gradually augmenting, that of California with her hundreds of thousands of active miners, is rapidly decreasing.

**TERRIBLE DISASTER AT SAN FRANCISCO.**—The steam ferry-boat Contra Costa, running from San Francisco to Oakland, burst her boiler, on the 5d inst., by which five persons were killed and a number severely injured. It is stated in the San Francisco papers that the Contra Costa and Oakland were racing at the time of the explosion, and to this cause the disaster is attributed. There were about sixty persons on board, twenty of whom were ladies; the ladies all escaped uninjured, and from the scene of destruction which the boat is said to have presented after the accident, it is a matter of the greatest wonder that no more lives were lost. The following are the names of those who were instantly killed or have since died of their injuries: D. W. Cady, Milnell G. Smith, George McDowell, Harry Ostrander and Albert Winslip.

**NEW SCHOOL.**—Rev. Charles Vary will shortly open a school at the residence of Bishop De Mer. Instruction will be given in French and English. Judging from the well known learning of the Rev. gentleman the school cannot but prove a great acquisition.

**ASSAY OFFICE.**—We are informed that as soon as the Treasury now building at Queenborough is completed, an assay office will be established in connection with it. It will be under the supervision of the Treasurer of British Columbia, Capt. W. D. Gossett, R. E., who is well qualified for the duty—having made the necessary preparations before leaving England. This is a step in the right direction to protect ourselves, and foster our own interests instead of sending our gold to San Francisco. The next move should be a mint.

**UNSHACKLED PRESS.**—Mr. Ayrton obtained leave to bring in a bill, in the present Imperial Parliament, the principal object of which was said to be to remove all legal distinctions between newspapers and other publications, and to relieve newspaper proprietors from the necessity of registering their names, and giving security at Somerset House. There is every probability the bill will pass. In that case what will become of our autocratic-legislative-piecemeal gag-law?

**FREEMAN and Co's Express** has again placed us under obligations for an early delivery of newspapers. This well-known Express having lately re-organized with an immense capital, and established an agency in Victoria, we cheerfully recommend it to the public. For reliability and certainty in forwarding, or executing commissions they are unsurpassed. Mr. A. D. McDonald, Banker, is their agent in this place; and from what we personally know of him, we are satisfied that the business of the concern must prosper in his hands.

**RODERICK MACKENZIE, Esq.,** late Chief Factor of the Hon. Hudson Bay Company, died at Red River Settlement, Rupert's Land, on the 2d of January 1859, aged 87 years.

**THANKS.**—Messrs. Stratman McGinnis and Co., News Dealers, 144 Washington street San Francisco, has our thanks for liberal supplies of Atlantic and European papers and periodicals.

**WILLIAM WALKER,** the noted Nicaraguan filibuster, came passenger on the steamer Golden Age which arrived at San Francisco last week. The object of this would be-great man's visit at this time is not known.

We are indebted to Wells Fargo and Co., for files of papers during the week.

**THE WAR FEELING IN EUROPE.**—There was a calm in Europe at last accounts! but it was of the character of the brief lull that sometimes precedes the hurricane. England was casting cannon and equipping cavalry, France concentrating a transport fleet of sixty vessels at Toulon, and Austria and Sardinia were putting themselves in fighting trim. A Congress of Foreign Powers to assemble at London, to arrange the difficulties at present existing in Europe, was spoken of at Paris, and it was stated that the Cabinet at Vienna thought favorable of the plan, though they manifested hostility to it when first broached. The Paris correspondent of the London Times and Herald both say that the warding off of hostilities by means of such a Congress was considered nugatory. The Herald's correspondent adds that the war feeling among the lower classes was growing more intense.

**REGARDING the feeling of the people on the admission of Oregon into the Union as a State,** the Salem Statesman says: The intelligence of the admission was greeted by the firing of cannon, and the lighting of a bonfire, but no general demonstration was witnessed. We think the news excited but little enthusiasm in the country generally—far less than it would have done six or eight months ago. The belief that admission would aid in the payment of the war debt was always a powerful element in favor of "convention" and "constitution;" the late disheartening news respecting the war claims, and the monetary stringency has dampened the ardor of many for a state government, and that measure has unquestionably lost ground rapidly within the last two months. Leaving the war debt entirely out of the question and we are not confident that a majority would vote for the measure.

## EXTRACT FROM HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY DEBATES.

April 7, 1859.  
Mr. Yates moved "that the House desires to be informed by His Excellency the Governor, by what authority His Excellency proclaimed and put in force part of the statute law of Great Britain in this Colony." His reason for making this motion was the recent proclamation of the Governor relative to newspapers and pamphlets. He was of opinion, and it was the opinion of the best lawyers in the Colony, that that law was confined wholly to Great Britain, and that it was shackling the press, and an inexcusable exercise of power to put it in force here. Mr. Skinner would second the motion but not out of a spirit of opposition to the Government. There was nothing so dear to an Englishman as the freedom of the press. He for one would never consent to gag it. The law which the government had attempted to put in force was without doubt never designed for this colony, and hoped that every man who had the blood of an Englishman in him, would show a constitutional resistance to any infringement of their rights.

Mr. Pemberton saw no good reason for asking the question.

Mr. McKay would not support the motion.

A vote was called for. Yeas: Yates, and Skinner. Noes: Pemberton and McKay. There being a tie the Speaker said he could not do otherwise than support the Governor. If he was wrong in making the proclamation, he would be very foolish to commit himself. Hence to avoid the latter he would vote against the motion.—Motion lost.

Mr. Yates asked when the member for Sooke would be in the House? He would give notice that he would bring

forward the motion again, when he was in his seat.

The Speaker informed him that Mr. Muir would be in his place at the next sitting.

During a desultory discussion about adjournment, Mr. Skinner inquired when a writ would be issued for the election of a member for Nanaimo. He hoped this time that we would have an English election, and not have a member smuggled into the House as the last member for Nanaimo had been.

## NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.



## PUBLIC NOTICE.

THE TEMPORARY OFFICE of the Lands and Works Department for British Columbia is removed to Yates street, opposite to Messrs. Wells, Fargo and Co's, where all communications are to be addressed, and personal enquiries made, instead of as heretofore at the Lieut. Governor's residence.

By order of the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for British Columbia.  
Ap 14, 1859—3t.

## TO RENT.

A LOFTY ROOM, 20 BY 40 FEET, over the wholesale liquor store of Thomas Patrick and Co., Johnson street, second door from Government. Victoria, 16th April, 1859.

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April 15.

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# MARINE INTELLIGENCE.

PORT OF VICTORIA, V. I.

## ARRIVALS

April 11—Steamer Brother Johnathan, Staples, San Francisco.  
Steamer Constitution, Gore, Port Townsend.  
Schr Naimo Packet, Walker, Naimo.  
Schr Reporter, Elya, Port Townsend.  
steamer Eliza Anderson, Wells, Langly B. C.  
sloop J C Caswell, Taylor, Pt Townsend.  
schr Nevada, McNeil, Langly.  
schr Morning star, McKay, n w coast.  
April 12th—schr Pronto, Ryder, Pt Townsend.  
steamer Beaver, Lewis, Langly.  
schr Carolena, Jones, Pt Townsend.  
barque Carrie Island, Smith, San Francisco.  
April 13th—steamer Northerner, Dall,  
ship Thames City, Glover, London.  
sloop Leonide, Allen, Pt Townsend.  
steamer Eliza Anderson, Wells, Langly,  
sloop J C Caldwell, Taylor Pt Townsend.  
April 15th—barque Ork, Frank s. F.  
schr Victoria Packet, Cole, Naimo.

## CLEARANCES.

April 11—steamer Brother Jonathan, s. f.  
sloop J C Caswell, Taylor, Pt Townsend.  
steamer Constitution, Gore, do  
schr H. Page, Ober, do  
schr Naimo Packet, Walker, Naimo.  
12th—steamer Eliza Anderson, Wells, Langly.  
13th—Northerner, Dall, s. f.  
Beaver, Lewis, Langly.  
14th—sloop Leonide, Allen, Pt Townsend.  
sloop J C Caswell, Taylor, do  
Preston, Leman, Naimo.  
steamer Eliza Anderson, wells, Langly.  
15th—schr Pronto, Ryder, Pt Townsend.  
barque Ork, Park, do  
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Apples, dried, 3 b	-13	66-15
Barley, 3 ton	-2	66-25
Brat, 3 ton	-40	-66-45
Bacon, extra clear, 3 b	-17	66-18
Beans, 3 b	-13	66-35
Butter,	-25	66-40
Blankets, 3 pair,	-5	66-11
Beef, mess, 3 b	-8	66-11
Bread, pilot,	-8	66-10
Crackers,	-19	66-29
Coffee, Rio, 3 b	-24	66-—
Coffee, Java,	-35	66-45
Candles,	-34	66-35
Crackers, salt,	-14	66-11
Flour, best brands,	250	66-10 50
Gummy Bags,	-18	66-25
Hay,	-3	66-21
Lard,	-21	66-21
Lard, in 10 b cans,	-19	66-21
Lumber, according to quality,	-18	66-22
Lard, 3 b ket,	4	66-—
Nails, per b	-6	66-—
Oats,	-2	66-22
Onions,	-2	66-3
Pork, extra clear, 1/2 bbls.	-16	66-18
Pork, mess, in	-15	66-—
Poss, split, 3 b	-6	66-7
Potatoes, 3 b	-1	66-2
Quicksilver,	-99	66-1—
Rice, Carolina,	-3	66-—
Rice, China No. 1, fair,	-6	66-7
Sugar, crushed,	-16	66-—
Sugar, China No. 1, fair,	-100	66-11
Sugar, New Orleans, fair,	-10	66-12
Sugar, San Francisco, refined,	-13	66-13
Straps, E. Boston and S. Fran. refinery,	-99	66-1—
Shootings and Drillings,	-13	66-14
Shirts, drawers, 3 doz.	10 50	66-11 50
Over shirts, 3 doz.	-18	66-21
Teas, green, according to quality,	-30	66-35
Teas, black, according to quality,	-49	66-30
Yeast Powders, 3 doz.	2—	66-8—

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**TWO Teachers for the Colonial Boys' Schools—**one  
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March 19th.

**JUST RECEIVED AND FOR SALE BY THE UN-**  
dersigned, on Johnson street, opposite Wharf st.,  
the cargo of the "Augenette" from Sandwich Island,  
consisting in part as follows:

S. I. Sugar, various qualities,  
S. I. Coffee, extra quality;  
Syrups and Molasses,  
Pulu, a very superior article for bedding,  
Sweet Potatoes, Beans,  
Pork, Pickled Tongues, etc., etc.

R. C. JANION.

March 11, 1859. mh12

**FOR SALE BY THE UNDERSIGNED—**  
Bacon, Pork, Lard, Butter,  
Crushed and China Sugars,  
Green and Black Teas,  
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Candles, Twine, etc., etc.

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Cargoes of Mas's, Spars and Lumber  
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50,000 feet 4 inch Boards,  
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50,500 Laths,  
99,000 Cedar Shingles,  
63 Doors, assorted sizes,  
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**W. J. ARMSTRONG AND BRO.**

Wholesale and Retail Dealers in

**GROCERIES & PROVISIONS.**

QUEENBOROUGH, B. C. ap2m

**A NEW BRITISH COLONY.**—It is stated in the *Zidney Morning Herald*, that Lord Derby, who, when pressed from so many quarters to accept a transfer of Sir James Brooke's territory of Sarawak, expressed an opinion that we have colonies enough already, will be embarrassed by a consular acquisition in the south seas. It appears that, on the 41th of September last, Thakombau, who claims supremacy as king over the Feejee Islands executed a deed ceding the sovereignty of all the islands to Queen Victoria. The deed stipulates that Thakombau shall retain his position as chief of the aboriginal tribes, but shall govern under instructions from Her Majesty's local representative; and that the British Government shall pay 45,000 dollars demanded by the Americans for compensation from Thakombau, and shall receive in return 200,000 acres of land. This agreement was made by Thakombau with Mr. Pritchard, the British Consul in Feejee, who has arrived at Sidney and is about to come to England with the treaty which he has concluded. The immediate motive which induced Thakombau to make the cession seems to have been an intimation from Captain Sinclair, of the American Corvette *Vandalia*, that, if the 45,000 dollars were not paid within twelve months, payment would be compelled by force. We are not told for what injuries the Americans have demanded this sum as compensation; but we learn that Captain Sinclair, during his visit to Feejee, took occasion to chastise the heathen people of Uaia, one of the small islands of the archipelago, who had previously cooked and eaten two Americans, and who intimated that they had heated ovens to bake the whole party which Capt. Sinclair sent to burn their village.

AMONG the items of European intelligence, of interest to these Colonies, by a late arrival, we find the following:

The last meeting of the Royal Geographical Society was held at Burlington House, and on that occasion reports on the discovery of no fewer than three practicable passes through that portion of the Rocky Mountains lying in British territory were read by the Secretary Dr. Norton Shaw. The President, Sir R. Murchison, communicated the intelligence that her majesty's Secretary for the Colonies had acceded to the request of the gallant explorers and discoverers, Capt. Palliser and Dr. Hector, to be allowed to remain for further investigations, and also to choose a near route for the return of the party to England. Sir R. Murchison congratulated her Majesty's Government, to whom the society was indebted for perusal of the valuable paper, on this very signal success. The names of the new passes were not very euphonious, but they would assuredly become familiar, since they indicated routes by which we should be able to cross the Rocky Mountains in two or three places with far greater facility than the Americans enjoyed on their side the border. At present either the Kicking Horse Pass or the Vermilion Pass permitted the transit of goods nearly 2,000 feet lower than had been supposed, while the approaches on both sides were singularly favorable.

**PIKE'S PEAK.**—A large nugget has been found in Long's diggings, which has caused considerable excitement in regard to the Pike's Peak gold mines. The rush to those mines from the western Atlantic States still continues.

THE Malta correspondent of the *New York Herald* writes that rumor certainly says that Prince Alfred's next cruise will be to Canada.

**WORSE THAN EVER.**—A correspondent of the *Homestead* gives the following: "It won't do to laugh at Connecticut any longer for wooden nutmegs. New Hampshire has beat her, and must be the banner State for rogues. I see in the newspaper that the Legislature of that State has been obliged to repeal the law offering a bounty for the destruction of crows, in consequence of the practice which has prevailed of procuring crows' eggs and hatching them under hens, and bringing forward the brood for the bounty."

THE new Atlantic Telegraph Company are making arrangements for carrying out their enterprise.

THE *BRITISH COLONIST*, Printed and Published by AMOR DE COSMOS, Wharf street, East side, between Yates and View streets, Victoria, V. I. Saturday, April 9, 1859.

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To any one wishing to invest in real estate this is a rare opportunity, which with the present golden prospects of this rich country is not likely to recur; immediate possession can be had, with a clear and direct title from the Colonial Government.

FOR SALE.—Also, 20 Acres of rich bottom land, well watered and finely timbered, in the Salt Lake, one mile outside Esquimaux Harbour.

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Or to H. P. P. CREASE, Esq.  
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**NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC.**

THE undersigned at the old stand, Government st. between Yates and Johnson sts., tenders his thanks to his numerous customers for the liberal share of patronage extended to him in his business, and takes this opportunity to assure them that nothing shall be wanting on his part to insure a continuance of their favors. He has just added to his already large stock of Ironmongery, Stoves, Tin and sheet Iron, Glass and Crockery ware, and proposes to offer to the public every article in his line of business at a small advance on first cost.

Purchasers desiring anything connected with the above business, are invited to try his establishment, which he flatters himself will compare favorably with any other on the Pacific coast. MARTEN PRAG, Victoria, V. I., and 43 Clay st., San Francisco 326

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JUST received a large supply of Garden Seeds (growth 1858) raised by the Shakers at New Lebanon, New York, also a choice collection of Flower Seeds. For sale by  
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